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YARMOUTH MAN SENTENCED ON ARSON CHARGES

Boston, MA... A Yarmouth man was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court for arson, mail fraud and using a fire to commit a felony.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Boston Field Division, Chief C. Randall Sherman of the Yarmouth Fire Department, Interim Chief Michael Almonte of the Yarmouth Police Department and Colonel Mark Delaney, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police announced that **MARK NUTTER**, age 44, of 55 Forest Road, South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, was sentenced in federal court to 15 years imprisonment, to be followed by two years of supervised release.

Evidence presented during the six-day trial established that on October 16, 2003, **NUTTER** set fire to his heating, ventilation and air conditioning business located at 161D Mid-tech Drive in Yarmouth, in order to collect on a \$500,000 insurance policy. At the time of the fire, **NUTTER'S** business was failing and his debt was piling up. Shortly before the fire, **NUTTER** sought an increase in his business insurance from \$131,000 to \$500,000, despite his mounting debt.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Boston Field Office, Yarmouth Fire Department, Yarmouth Police Department, and Massachusetts State Troopers assigned to the State Fire Marshals Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys William Connolly and James Dowden of Sullivan's Economic Crimes Unit.

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